



Department of Defense **DIRECTIVE**

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SUBJECT: Uniformed Services' Identification (ID) Cards

References: (a) Section 113 of title 10, United States Code
(b) DoD Instruction 1000.13, "Identification (ID) Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Individuals: December 5, 1997
(c) **Section** 1072 of title 10, United States Code, "Definitions"
(d) DoD Instruction 1000.1, "Identity Cards Required by the Geneva Conventions: January 30, 1974

A. **PURPOSE**

This Directive establishes policy and assigns responsibility under **reference** (a) for the issuance of ID cards to members of the Uniformed Services of the United States, their eligible dependents, and other eligible individuals prescribed in reference (b).

B. **APPLICABILITY**

This Directive applies to the **Office** of the Secretary of Defense; the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard, when operating as a Military Service under the Department of the Navy); the Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components"); the Coast Guard, under agreement with the Department of Transportation when it is not operating as a Military Service under the Department of the Navy; and the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service (**USPHS**) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under agreements with the Departments of Health and Human Services and Commerce (hereafter referred to collectively as "Other Uniformed Services"). The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard; the term "Uniformed Services" refers to the Military Services, the Commissioned Corps of the USPHS, and the Commissioned Corps of the NOAA.

C. **DEFINITIONS**

1. **Dependents**. Individuals whose relationship to the sponsor leads to entitlement to benefits. These individuals are specified in 10 U.S.C. 1072 (reference (c)) or the governing DoD issuance for the privilege.

2. **Member**. An individual who is **affiliated** with a Uniformed Service, either active duty, Reserve, or retired (including retired Reserve).

D. POLICY

It is DoD policy to provide members of the Uniformed Services with a distinct ID card for use as follows:

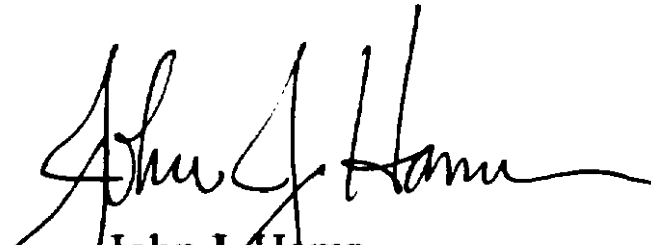
1. In **identifying** their status as active duty, Reserve, or retired members;
2. As an authorization card for Uniformed Services' benefits and privileges; and,
3. As ID for purposes of Article 17 of the Geneva Convention, under DoD Instruction 1000.1 (reference (d)). The members' eligible dependents and other eligible individuals shall also be provided with a distinct ID card to be used as an authorization card for benefits and privileges administered by the Uniformed Services.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall:
 - a. Prescribe overall policy and procedures for the issuance of ID cards to members of the Uniformed Services, their dependents, and other eligible individuals.
 - b. Foster joint Service initiatives.
 - c. Provide broad policy guidance on the issuance of ID cards to members of the Uniformed Services, their dependents, and other eligible individuals.
 - d. Establish working groups with representatives from the DoD Components and the Uniformed Services to assist in the formulation and review of ID card policy and Uniformed Services' benefits and privileges.
2. The Heads of the DoD Components and Other Uniformed Services shall comply with this Directive.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately. DoD Instruction 1000.13 (reference (b)) constitutes implementation of this Directive.


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